## 2016 Election May See New Swing States

## **4 New Potential Battleground States**



**Utah** has been one of the most reliably red states in the US, voting Republican in each of the past 12 presidential elections. A new poll has Clinton and Trump tied with 35%; Libertarian Gary Johnson trails with 13%. Mormons could play a role in turning Utah blue. In the GOP primary, Trump came in last place and over 50 points behind Cruz. Mitt Romney, a prominent Mormon, has been a vocal critic of Trump.



In **Georgia**, Clinton is looking to replicate her husband's success: Bill Clinton won the state in 1992. Despite Republicans holding all statewide positions and winning the last five presidential elections here, the four major polls from May have Trump leading by less than 10% (his largest lead was 9% and his smallest was 1). Clinton polls much, much better among black Georgians, and 81% of the states growth between 2000-2010 came from minorities.



**Arizona** is home to the fifth-highest number of eligible Hispanic voters in all of the states, despite less than half of the Hispanic population eligible to vote due to lack of voter registration or citizenship. Reports show Hispanic voter registration on the rise, and 89% of Hispanic people view Trump unfavorably. A recent poll in the state showed Trump with only a 4-point lead.



**Michigan** has voted blue in the past six elections, but Trump's populist rhetoric and aggressive push against trade deals could carry him to victory. Polls from early spring had Clinton up by double digits, but a late May poll hade her up only 4 points.

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